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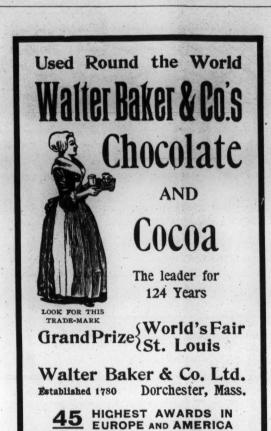


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Editorial.

HE MONTH of April will find the clubwomen of Mississippi all ready for their Eighth Annual Convention. which will be held at Jackson, the capital of the State. The Mississippi Federation is a power for much that is beneficent and progressive in the civic, social, intellectual, and philanthropic life of Mississippi. Although one of the last State Federations to join the General Federation of Women's Clubs, it has all along been pursuing Federation ways and aiming at Federation ideals. This Convention at Jackson, April 25th-27th, promises to be a most enthusiastic one, and will be marked by the presence of Mrs. Decker, the President of the General Federation, as the guest of honor. Under the able guidance of the present board of officers, the Mississippi Federation has made rapid strides in the past year, and the good wishes of clubwomen in general and Southern clubwomen in particular go out to the clubwomen of Mississippi at this their annual meeting. May sincerity of purpose, earnestness of endeavor, and unity of spirit mark all the deliberations of the Convention, and may the clubwomen of Mississippi continue always in successful attainment of their highest and noblest ideals.

How often a simple sentence can express a character! "You are such a prop," was an overheard expression not long ago, and it suggested such a series of mental pictures that *The Keystone* cannot resist the temptation to dwell at length on them. Who of us does not know of many props among our circle of friends and acquaintances? How often we see handsome, graceful, ornamental pillars of societies, clubs, and associations, all carefully and tenderly supported by "props."

There is no doubt but that the role of prop is most developing to the prop, but from close observation one often detects that everlasting "propping" tends to make the prop cynical and depressed. Those backboneless people who are so ambitious for recognition along the world's highway, and yet who continually depend upon their props for support over the rough and stony places in life, are a phenomena with which we are all familiar. How much sympathy they deserve is a question which might be argued with interest, for possibly there is an affirmative side to their position. However, just now we are considering the "props"—those useful, awkward, and often ugly, unhewn timbers, which mean so much to many a mighty structure for use or beauty.

In this world how easy we note the props. Sex does not distinguish them, mental force does not separate them out from their fellows, physical charm does not mark them; character is the great touchstone which distinguishes them. Each one of us in some period of our lives will come to feel the need of a prop as a temporary assistance in extremity; but how many of us are in constant use of props, and how often do we play the role of a prop for others. Selfishness, vanity, laziness, lack of application, and incompetency are the vices which develop the demand for props. Honesty, truthfulness, independence, and ability are the attributes one finds in a prop.

In treading life's pathway, let us see to it that we make as few calls as possible on humanity for props. Let us bear our share of the burden of responsibility which should come into

every well-rounded human life. If weakness and affliction force us to depend upon a prop for some things, let us rally to our assistance those qualities in ourselves which may prop others in some other direction.

If in the course of our lives the role of prop shall fall to our lot, let us avoid the cynicism which may come from being the power behind the throne, and rather let us rejoice at the possession of the blessed gift which promotes good results through others, and which can accomplish great deeds through inspiration and direction. The prop may play the part of a soul.

Woman is growing every day toward higher ideals of character and service. Armed with the promises of divine assistance, equipped with a trained and enlightened conscience, and fortified by the increased intellectual possibilities that are hers, there seems to be no excuse for her not reaching an ideal, which is a strong, brave and self-reliant womanhood.

The question of the value of free lectures is one which is ever present with the thoughtful citizen of to-day, and clubwomen, realizing woman's responsibility for the tone of public sentiment, have ever lent a helpful hand in this direction. In Charleston, S. C., the Civic Club is patronizing a course of free lectures given by prominent citizens on civic subjects. In New York city there are 120 centres where free lectures are delivered, and in other Eastern cities this plan is carried out often by the use of the public-school buildings after school hours for this purpose. In Washington, D. C., the Board of Education has announced a series of free public lectures for two months on trial. That education does not terminate with the school, the college, or university is one of the truths of human experience.

The rapid development and constant progress of the human race in these days demand an incessant interest to keep one in touch with human endeavor.

Material life makes great demands upon one's time and strength, but the intellectual life is a treasure that can be shared and increased in the sharing, and unprofitable is that family or community that is without it. Interest in the intellectual life grows with the feeding, and no better feeder for it is known than the suggestion and inspiration that comes from well-selected lectures, presented by competent and experienced authorities on the subject.

THE MUNICIPAL MUSEUM of Chicago celebrated its formal opening and held its first Loan Exhibition in the Chicago Public Library on February 23d. Addresses were made by Mayor Carter Harrison, Jane Addams, Robert McCormick, and George E. Vincent, president of the Municipal Museum. This organization has for its purpose the promotion of intelligence concerning the administration of cities and the collection of data relative to civic development.

The Municipal Museum represents in its directorate all those who have contributed to civic betterment, and, through the courtesy of the Board of Directors of the Chicago Public Library, the Museum is now installed in that fireproof building. All interested in the civic idea will appreciate this recognition of its value in the progress of the world's development.

A MEMORIAL window for the chapel at Vassar College has just been finished by John La Farge. The window is given in memory of Mary E. Bowen. La Farge has also completed a window for St. Saviour's church, in London, in memory of John Harvard.

OFFICIAL CLUB NEWS.

For the State Federations of Women's Clubs of South Carolina, Mississippi, North Carolina, and Florida.

[This Department is Official and will be continued Monthly.]

SOUTH CAROLINA FEDERATION of WOMEN'S CLUBS

Address all communications for South Carolina to the editor The Keystone, Charleston, S. C., Manager.

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Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. A. C. Moore, Columbia, S. C. 68 Clubs—2,500 Members.

HE SEVENTH Annual Convention of the South Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs will be held at Union May 16th-19th, inclusive. The following is a plan of the programme prepared:

The Executive Board and the Board of Directors will meet on Tuesday afternoon at 5 o'clock. A reception will be given

that evening at 8:30.

The Convention will be called to order Wednesday, the 17th, at 10 A. M., at which session several addresses of welcome will be given, a response from an active clubwoman, reports of the Credential Committee and the Committee on Rules, reports from the various officers, reports from the Chairman of Education, Miss Anadora Baer, Charleston, and from the Chairman of Arts and Crafts, Mrs. R. H. Jennings, Orangeburg; also discussion of these reports. At 4 P. M. reports from fifteen clubs; report and discussion of Kindergarten Department, Miss M. E. Klinck chairman, followed by reports from ten clubs.

At 8:30 P. M., report of the Committee on Reformatory and Industrial School, by Mrs. M. O. Patterson, Greenville, chairman, and an address on Arts and Crafts by Mrs. J. L.

Honour, of Charleston.

Thursday at 10 A. M., reports and discussions of Library Department, Mrs. Mary Grialey, Greenville, chairman; of the Art Department, Mrs. A. G. Brice, Chester, chairman; of the Music Department, by Mrs. J. R. Vandiver, Anderson, chairman; of the Forestry and Civic Department, Miss Mary Waterhouse, chairman; and reports from twenty-five clubs.

At 4 P. M., reports and discussion of the Domestic Science Department, Mrs. T. J. Calvert, Spartanburg, chairman; and of the Reciprocity Department, Miss Mary B. Poppenheim, Charleston, chairman; continuation of club reports.

At 8:30 P. M., reception.

Friday, 10 A. M., new business and election of officers.

The President takes the liberty to appoint the following committees in advance of the meeting: Committee on Credentials—Mrs. M. F. Ansel, Mrs. Rufus Fant, and Mrs. L. W. Floyd. Committee on Rules—Miss Louisa B. Poppenheim, Mrs. H. C. Wannamaker, and Mrs. L. J. Blake.

MRS. W. K. SLIGH.

Civic Hints.

ONE is that a League meeting can be brightened and stimulated by reading clippings relating to "Improvement and Betterment" subjects gathered from a "month of newspapers."

Another is that individual effort is as necessary as co-operation, and the information one gains by an attempt to "do" is worth while.

Another is that, in preparing parks and squares for a season of beauty, the work must be done now. We cannot ex-

pect to enjoy what each season produces except by being a little "beforehand" in our planting.

Remember the landmarks.

Let us try to preserve the natural beauty which we have unconsciously enjoyed all our lives without waiting for the moment to arrive when we find that these have disappeared and then make fitful efforts to reproduce them.

This road law has been generally published by the Civic Leagues of South Carolina, but we recommend that all learn

it, as an instrument of defence for our trees:

Section 459: "Whoever shall wilfully or wantonly cut down or kill any tree growing within ten feet of any road which may be laid out, altered, or amended by authority of the county board of commissioners or the county supervisor of any county, and which shall, by direction of the highway surveyor in charge of such road, have been left standing as convenient for shade to the said road, for each tree so cut down or killed shall be fined twenty-five dollars at any court of competent jurisdiction."

The chairman of this department would be greatly obliged to all Civic Leagues and Clubs, which have not already done so, if they would kindly send in reports of work since June,

1904, before the fifteenth of April.

MARY E. WATERHOUSE, Chairman.

Beaufort, S. C.

Through the efforts of Mrs. Rufus Fant, President of the Civic Association of Anderson, a special civic improvement edition of the Anderson Daily Mail has been issued. It has a number of special articles on civic improvement from a general and specific standpoint, and is valuable material on civic improvement work practically accomplished. This Association is already at work on the Town Plaza, putting out spring plants and flowers.

Charleston.—New life and happiness has been brought into the daily routine at the free kindergarten at the corner of Church and Queen streets, by Miss Marian Hanckell, its efficient directress, who is also the directress of the training school of the South Carolina Kindergarten Association. Last month Miss Hanckell and her assistant delighted the children by taking them to the various public buildings and explaining their uses. On February 21st they executed some specially pretty marches in honor of Washington's birthday. Another delight for them was a trip to the Battery. They will next be taken to Hampton Park, then to other parks in the city, that they may notice the new blades of grass and the budding of flowers and trees.

THE Edgefield Literary Club is a large and progressive new club, and is studying the history and literature of Scotland.

The Auf Wiederschen Club, of Edgefield, is studying the origin of musical instruments, and the members bring selections of good music, both vocal and instrumental, to every meeting.

The City Beautiful, another new club, is improving the public square, and planting trees around the village.

All three of these clubs expect to send delegates to the Union Convention.

ONE of the most delightful social events of the season was the sixth anniversary of the Dixie Club of Orangeburg February 14th, at the residence of Mrs. John Cart. The members and their guests were welcomed by Mrs. R. H. Jen-

nings and Mrs. Louis Getzer.

Mrs. H. L. Mozley, Mrs. S. H. Crews and Mrs. F. W. Brunson had planned a Cinderella party. Each guest was requested to bring old shoes or slippers. Miss Ray Zeigler made a charming Cinderella, and dainty little Gladys Cart, the lovely fairy. Each guest was blindfolded, and, after having been turned around three times by the fairy, was told to find Cinderella and try on her slipper. The slippers fitting most comfortably belonged to Mesdames H. C. Wannamaker, John Cart, and Miss Lizzie Salley. When the prize, a dainty pink china slipper, was cut for, Mrs. Cart was the fortunate one. The ladies were then asked to take hold of a crimson ribbon, concealed in a most mysterious basket. When pulled, all drew a lovely valentine. Again the fates favored Mrs. Cart. On the end of her ribbon was a lovely pot-pourie vase, which she presented to the guest of honor, Mrs. R. H. Mozley. Mrs. R. H. Jennings recited, also Mrs. F. W. Brunson. Mrs. M. G. Salley sang. The guests were invited into the diningroom, where dainty refreshments were served. were beautifully decorated in cut flowers and ferns. Impromptu speeches were called for by the officers of the club, also the guest of honor, Mrs. Mozley. After supper the party participated in an old-fashioned cake walk and Virginia reel. Mrs. R. H. Mozley and Miss Dollie Wannamaker captured the prize. Miss Wannamaker gallantly presented the prize to her partner.

With regrets the guests departed, after wishing a long and prosperous life for the Dixie Club. Those present were: Mrs. R. H. Mozley, Mrs. H. C. Wannamaker, Mrs. U. A. Bull, Mrs. R. H. Jennings, Mrs. M. G. Salley, Mrs. Fred Wannamaker, Mrs. W. L. Mozley, Mrs. Louis Getzer, Mrs. John Cart, Mrs. S. H. Crum, Mrs. A. C. Dukes, Mrs. F. N. Brunson, Mrs. J. N. Scovit, Mrs. Raymond Bryant, Mrs. H. L. Wannamaker, Jr., Misses Lizzie, Salley, Dollie Wannamaker, Daniels Beckman, May Riggs, Bertha Kohn, Ray Zeigler, and

Gladys Cart.

MISSISSIPPI FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS.

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President—Mrs. Robt. E. Jones, Crystal Springs. Corresponding Secretary—Miss Blanche Alexander, Kosciusko. Recording Secretary—Mrs. R. J. Harding, Jackson, Miss.

THE MISSISSIPPI Federation of Women's Clubs will hold its annual convention in the Capitol building, in Jackson, April 26, 27, 28. Unusual interest is being manifested in the meeting by the Clubs of the State, and it is at the earnest request of the Jackson Clubs that a three days' session is to be held instead of the usual two days. For the first time the Federation is receiving the generous support of the press; and co-operation is offered by the leading papers of Mississippi, as well as those of New Orleans and Memphis. The presence of some of the general officers will add greatly to the attractiveness of the programme, and everything seems favorable for the most successful meeting known to the Clubwomen of Mississippi.

Mrs. Jones has decided to appoint a Committee on Constitution for the Federation.

Mrs. Jones is forming a Federation Press Committee, and

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the result has been the kindest offers of co-operation from the Memphis and Jackson newspapers.

Mrs. J. H. Cook, of Vicksburg, has been selected to prepare a paper for the meeting of the State Federation, on "Reciprocity Between Clubs."

Mrs. A. G. Weems, of Meridian, and Mrs. D. N. Hebron, of Vicksburg, will discuss the great possibilities of traveling libraries.

THE Chaminade Club, of Jackson, is a progressive body of eighteen active musicians, organized in 1902, by Mrs. William R. Wright and Miss Marie Henry, with Miss Lucretia Barton as secretary.

To a broader interest and culture in the art, throughout the community, the Club plans to occasionally bring musical attractions before the public. Such an attraction has been secured for an early date, in the celebrated Bohemian pianist, Malek, who is scoring his second successful season in America.

The usual social feature of the Chaminade is very delightful and recently a most artistic programme was given at the residence of Judge Thompson, to which the gentlemen were bidden. The Club is a member of the State Federation, and prior to the last convention Mrs. Wright, the president, invited the city Clubs to a joint meeting. The result was a City Federation, and later the Art and Literary Club entered the State Federation. The City Clubs are a united body in all that means progress. Interest at present is heightened in anticipation of the convention in April, when the splendid women of the Clubs of Mississippi will be cordially received into the home and hearts of the Jackson clubwomen. Mrs. Decker, president of the General Federation of Clubs, has accepted an invitation to be present. Miss Pitkin, of the

Times-Democrat, is also expected to be present. The sincere hope is that the beautiful April days may make possible the coming of each delegate, and the ladies are earnestly requested to send their names immediately, so that all due arrangements may be assured them.

THE Ladies' Book Club, of Okalona, has a very earnest and energetic membership. We meet every Tuesday afternoon, in College Library, and enjoy the Chautauqua course very much. Throughout the year we have been working for and have made reliable contributions to the library.

Our delegates to the State Federation are Mrs. Maggie Crighton and Mrs. J. Ed. Edens.

Yours cordially,

MRS. MATTIE DAVIS.

THE MEMBERS of Crystal Springs Floral Club have been meeting every Thursday in parliamentary drill.

NORTH CAROLINA FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS.

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President—Mrs. Lindsay Patterson, Winston-Salem.
Recording Secretary—Miss Mary Petty, Greensboro.
Corresponding Secretary—Miss Claytor Candler, Winston-Salem.
23 Clubs—700 Members.

T HAS been definitely decided to hold the North Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs in Goldsboro, May 2d-4th.

Two delegates from each club will be expected to attend.

Reports from all the clubs will be read. Notice will be sent to the clubs in a short time.

E. CLAYTOR CHANDLER,

Corresponding Secretary.

The social life of North Carolina appears this winter to run almost entirely to women's clubs, and club affairs. There seems to be a notable dearth of large functions; but these small, informal entertainments by the women for the women crowd the calendar. If it were not for an occasional wedding, where the man element could not very well be dispensed with, the men would fare rather badly. Were this peculiar state of affairs likely to continue, it would be a serious menace to the integrity of our social life. But the pendulum doubtless will swing back soon, and womankind will tire of the club as a fad, and in the end it will assume its proper and subordinate place in society, and become the real and distinct force in the intellectual uplift of the sex which it is so well designed to be.

In Charlotte the Woman's Club is doing excellent work along many lines—educational, literary, musical, home-making. It is hard to say which department is most alive and vigorous.

A brilliant event was celebrated on the occasion of the recent appearance of Viola Allen in Charlotte, in "The Winter's Tale." The club had been put in communication with Mr. James Young, of her caste, and he was engaged to give a lecture on the afternoon of the 11th.

The place was the handsome home of Mrs. J. E. Reilley, in Dilworth, and she, with Mrs. H. A. Murrill, the president of the club, and other ladies, received the invited guests, about two hundred of whom were present in their bravest gear to enjoy the pleasure which he provided. His subject was "The Merchant of Venice," and his interpretation of the Hebrew "Shylock" was a new view to some of his hearers.

The literary department of the club has arranged for a lecture to be given on the 21st by Rev. J. B. Mack, D. D., of South Carolina, on, "The Stone of Scone." The subject for the winter's study is Scotland.

The Daughters of the American Revolution celebrated the 22d of February in a very lovely, patriotic and social affair at the stately old-time Southern home of Mrs. D. Parks

Hutchison.

The Colonial Dames this winter are enjoying some very choice papers obtained from the Reciprocity Bureau.

"The Woman's Club" has recently been organized in Raleigh, with more than a hundred members. Miss Fannie Heck was made president, which fact alone will doubtless go far toward insuring the success of the organization, as this lady's ability is widely known.

FLORENCE D. STEPHENSON.

FLORIDA FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS.

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President—Mrs. Richard F. Adams, Palatka.
Recording Secretary—Miss Kathryn Thorp, Daytona.
Corresponding Secretary—Miss May J. Crosby, San Mateo.
21 Clubs—800 Members.

THE PRESIDENT of the Florida Federation, Mrs. R. F. Adams, has recently made a visit to Crescent City, where she attended the sessions of the "Southfield Bible Conference."

Since the Convention at Miami, the newly elected Corresponding Secretary, Miss May J. Crosby, has been desperately ill with double pneumonia. This will be regretted by those who met Miss Crosby, and remember her with so much pleasure.

Let me express my appreciation of the editorial expression on "Reciprocity," in the February *Keystone*, and advise each Reciprocity Chairman to read it before her Club, and follow the very valuable suggestions.

At the Convention of the Florida State Federation of Women's Clubs, at Miami, a great Club worker was with us, Mrs. McCabe, of Atlanta. Mrs. McCabe's interest is largely centered on library work, and very interesting talks she gave on the subject, and "libraries" were added to our line of work, with Mrs. J. Ware, of High Springs, as Chairman of the department.

Florida has made a good record with her Reciprocity Bureau, both as to papers and their line of distribution. It ranks with States of many more Clubs and of much longer membership in the General Federation. Among its papers added lately, is one of peculiar interest. The paper is by Mrs. Arthur Cummer, and was read before the Jacksonville Club, after having witnessed the performance of the Indian play, "Hiawatha," given at Sault Saint Marie. The play is the Indian interpretation of the poem, given in the native tongue, the dramatis personæ being full-blood Indians, small islands in the river being used for the stage. Mrs. Cummer presented this most attractively.

The movement of compulsory education was started in the Miami Convention, and, as the Florida Legislature will soon go into session, clubwomen in Florida are looking toward Tallahassee, hoping for favorable results in this important question.

The Reciprocity Chairman has lately added to the bureau Year-Books of the Palmetto Club, Daytona. and the Village

Improvement Association, of Ormond, 1904 and 1905. "Fewer Pupils to the Teacher," by Mrs. Henry Brush, Club of Current Events, Tampa, Fla.; "Indian Interpretation of Hiawatha, at Sault Saint Marie," by Mrs. Arthur Cummer, Jacksonville Woman's Club; "The Little Woman of Table Mountain; A Story of the North Carolina Moonshiner," by Mrs. J. H. Reese, of the Woman's Club, of Jacksonville.

These will be sent to Clubs on application, when accompanied by postage for mailing same.

THE Woman's Club of Jacksonville is working in earnest, lessening the debt on their handsome club building. The members are divided into six working divisions, thirty members in each. One is patronizing a series of lessons on Domestic Science, one a lecture on Radium, Liquid Air, and Wireless Telegraphy, one a series of Lenten lectures on German Music and Literature, and another a very handsome Easter dance.

'The Bay View Reading Course is proving interesting to those who have taken it up. The year's subjects are Russia and Japan.

The Fortnightly Club of Palatka held a musicale on February 17th at the home of Mrs. F. H. Richey, which was attended by nearly seventy ladies. The programme was instrumental and vocal, and was highly appreciated.

The Palmetto Club of Daytona held a meeting in the opera-house on February 17th, nearly a hundred guests being present. The programme was musical, in charge of Mrs. Elizabeth Huston, chairman of the Musical Committee. The vocal and instrumental numbers by Mesdames Moore, Huston, Atwood, Misses Halrock, MacFarlane and Robinson, and Professor Blount and Mr. G. B. Colgan, were beautifully rendered. A short business meeting concluded the session.

The Club of Current Events of Tampa has been working along its original lines, reviewing books, discussing current topics, and also enlarging its scope by taking up the study of household economics, and educational needs and defects. While our most recent innovation has been to form a legislative committee in response to a call from the G. F. W. C., our efforts are now being directed toward the building of a club-house, but so far we have succeeded only in forming the nucleus of a fund, but we expect to draw towards this nucleus at every opportunity until we shall be in a position to draw material plans. We realize that we must "make haste slowly."

THE Daily Florida Sun, Jacksonville's afternoon paper, is soon to publish a very large, handsome edition, the largest ever issued by a Florida newspaper, and conspicuous among the pages will be the one devoted to clubwomen, and their expressions in papers read before their respective clubs.

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(Up-to-date Notes.)

THE following letter has been sent to every State President:

MY DEAR MADAM PRESIDENT:

To every president of the General Federation must come the thought that a closer relation between the State and the General Federation is absolutely necessary if the work of each is to increase in efficiency. How to bring about this amalgamation is a question over which many have pondered long. I do not for an instant believe that I have in any way solved the intricate problem, but I desire your opinion upon a plan which may help in a measure, and which I set forth for your consideration.

The General Federation has the following standing committees: Art, Child Labor, Civics, Civil Service Reform, Education, Forestry, Household Economics, Industrial, Legislative, Library Extension, Literature, Pure Food, Recipro-The Forestry and Legislative committees consist of members from each State, and are therefore, in a measure, working under the proposed plan. The Industrial and Child Labor committees could be combined for State work; also, Household Economics and Pure Food. This would leave nine standing committees: Art, Civics, Civil Service Reform, Education, Household Economics and Pure Food, Industrial and Child Labor, Library Extension, Literature, Reciprocity. A splendid and comprehensive list of subjects for a State Federation's study and work. Every Commonwealth would improve physically, intellectually, morally and spiritually if its intelligent, capable women were working along these lines.

The suggestion I make, therefore, is that the State Federations shall harmonize their committees with those of the General Federation, adding, of course, such local committees as may be necessary for certain conditions; but the general plan to follow the mother organization. I would go even further. I would ask that the State Federation suggest that each club formulate its year's programmes as far as possible upon these topics, thus gradually conforming, to a certain extent, into a harmonious whole, like city, State, and nation. There would then be concerted action, there would be education in many communities at the same time upon like subjects-always a great influence. The Civil Service Reform Committee has had proof of the great effect produced by the January meetings upon that work. Clubs, speakers, newspapers, even preachers have written and spoken, and many thousands have been brought to study the important question. If this plan could be carried out each individual club would have the help of the State Committee and the General Federation Committee upon the respective subjects; helpful and harmonious plans would be evolved, and I believe a great push be given to the work and the workers. Will you not give this your careful thought? It would take time and detail to accomplish the co-ordination, but perhaps results would repay the efforts.

Sincerely yours, SARAH S. PLATT DECKER.

In this issue of the Federation Bulletin, and the other Club organs, the Bureau of Information makes its first bow to the members of the Federation.

Mrs. Mary I. Wood, Chairman of the Committee, is in

charge of the work, and will open a modest office in Portsmouth, New Hampshire. The Bureau is not established for the purpose of relieving officers or committees of responsibility or obligation; but in the first instance, to preserve in business like fashion the year-books, publications, and history of the organization. Secondly, to establish a distribution point which will make a foundation of work. Thirdly, to endeavor to bring about a nearer relation between the individual and the Federation.

Very nearly all national societies and organizations have a center of this sort. The Daughters of the American Revolution, with a total membership no larger, perhaps, than the New York State Federation, have headquarters at an expense

of several thousand dollars a year.

The Daughters of Revolution, although a smaller society, maintain an office in New York. The National Civic Federation, the National Municipal League, the American Institute for Social Service, the National Child Labor Committee, the American Civic Association and many others have recognized the force and effect of uniting their respective members to the parent association by establishing a rallying point.

The National Woman's Suffrage Association is a notable example of perfection in this line. Never could the gallant fight have been made against the obnoxious Arizona Statehood Clause except for the "sinews of war" furnished from the

headquarters in Ohio.

For years has come the criticism and suggestion concerning the General Federation, that it lacks organization, and that it would never be able to do its appointed work because of this lack. Believing that this is true to a great extent, we have taken this step, slowly and cautiously at first, as becomes a new measure, but with faith that the women of the Federation will give hearty fealty to the plan, and that it may be but the beginning of a splendid, powerful center from which shall radiate a great and mighty force for good.

SARAH S. PLATT DECKER.

Mrs. Decker will visit the following State Federations: April 26, 27, 28, Mississippi State Federation, Jackson.

May 2, 3, Tennessee State Federation, Memphis. May 4, 5, Missouri State Federation.

May 10, 11, 12, Iowa State Federation, Waterloo.

24, 25, New Hampshire State Federation, Concord.

May 26, 27. Massachusetts State Federation, Everett and Boston June 5. Board Meeting, Atlantic City.

June 7, 8, Council Meeting, Atlantic City.

FEDERATION,—The most puissant, the most important, and the most successful force in the world of the past or of the present, as it will be of the future. All great deeds have been accomplished through it, all mighty causes have been carried forward by it, all happiness, love and jov come from it. Every nation is a Federa-The family, the Church, the School, the State every organization of every kind, whether the secret league, the business combination, the reform society, the propaganda, the patrictic organization or the smallest and most unknown club is a Federation. Every person in the world is federated, and sad, indeed, would be the lot of the man or woman whose life interest was not concerned with others.

If we pause and think of the meaning of this great word to the world and to the individual, we can but experience surprise that we still hear the question: "What is the benefit of Federation?" Let us glance for a moment at what the

Federation of Women's Clubs has wrought for the individual woman in her various occupations and walks of life.

First for the mother: It is impossible to estimate the value of the child study in the Club to the young mother. She has learned how to feed, clothe, and train her children more scientifically; how to study and understand their varying dispositions; how to take the large, common-sense view rather than the sentimental; how to give to the world well-poised, cheerful, useful men and women. For the mother whose children are at the education period, the Club and Federation have given the study and research which have kept her in touch with the students, so that the high-school boy and girl come to her for the history and the literature, for the philosophy and the science which give them renewed interest and belief in the potentiality of the mother; their lives are built more solidly on the principle that all good comes from the home.

To the middle-aged mother, whose children have left the home for the work of life, whose hands are empty, who would spend lonely hours and suffer heartaches, the Club and Federation have brought interest in life, pleasure and enjoyment, and, best of all, useful work and a healthy body and mind. So much and more has the Federation done for the mother.

For the housekeeper it has brought the intelligent study of her work and problems, it has shown her that the knowledge of hygiene, sanitation, food values, and the manifold interests of the family are a science to be studied and loved, and not a drudgery to be avoided. It has shown her that fresh air, cheerfulness and intelligence are much to be desired in the home, and that she need not "cumber herself with too much serving" in the little details.

To the teacher the Club has brought a Federation with the parent,—the ideal relation. It has brought friendship, confidence, and progress in all educational work and plans. still stronger link, the next step which it is the desire of the present Board of Directors to carry out, is the united work of the Women's Colleges and the General Federation in the interests of the higher education for the coming generation.

To the business and working woman the Federation has brought intelligent study of causes and results, upon the part not only of the workers themselves, but also of thousands of the thoughtful sheltered women who are spending time and means and sympathetic interest to bring about betterment in training workers, as well as to improve wages and conditions

of living.

To the conservative woman, Federation brings the gradual breadth of mind; to the radical woman it brings the knowledge of the individual point of view, the best lesson ever learned; to the lonely woman it brings friends and fellow-ship; to the unhappy, useful work and forgetfulness of self; to the rich woman it has brought knowledge of the obligations entailed by her possessions; to the poor it has brought genuine help and uplift in multitudes of cases.

Besides all this, to the individual woman, it has brought a living interest, acquaintance and fellowship between the women of the various States of our land. No longer is the South unknown to the North, or the West to the East. No longer does any State stand alone; the Federation makes the interest

of one the concern of all.

The meaning of Federation?

Seneca says: "God divided man into men, that they might help each other."

(Signed) EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, General Federation Women's Clubs.

THE Civil Service Reform Committee of the General Federation wishes to thank the clubs of the country for their cooperation in devoting a meeting during January to the merit system. Letters received from different States inform us that great interest is being shown in our work, and we trust that in arranging programmes for another year more Federations and Clubs will find a place for our subject. Let us consider next January a month for Civil Service meetings. The members of our committee stand ready to offer suggestions for programmes and practical work, and will see that literature is furnished upon application; while the Chairman is glad to correspond with Clubs in every State. She has divided the States among the members of her Committee as follows:

Mrs. Imogene B. Oakley, 1220 Spruce street, Philadelphia, Penn.: New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware. Maryland, West Virginia, District of Columbia, Kentucky,

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Miss Adele P. Vander Horst, 28 Chapel street, Charleston. S. C.: North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida. Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas, Arkansas and Ten-

Mrs. J. S. Bartlett, 102 West Eighteenth street, Cheyenne, Wyoming: Montana, Wyoming, Colorado, Arizona, Utah Idaho, Washington, Oregon, Nevada and California.

Miss Anna L. Clark, Boonville, Missouri: Illinois, Iowa, Missouri, Oklahoma, Indian Territory, New Mexico, Kansas, Nebraska, North Dakota and South Dakota.

Miss Georgie A. Bacon, 39 Dean street, Worcester, Mass.: Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, Michigan, Wisconsin and Minnesota.

The Chairman would suggest that Clubs correspond with the members of the Committee in charge of their State. By doing so the best results will be obtained.

GEORGIE A. BACON, Chairman.

Civil Service Reform.—Our work throughout the country is going on capitally well. Both Kentucky and Tennessee have arranged to have the merit system presented at their meetings in May and June. You and I know there is every reason why Southern women should take an interest in this public work, because it is public service, and not technical political work. L. S. W. PERKINS,

Chairman Advisory Committee Civil Service Reform, G. F. W. C.

The New Hampshire Magazine, the former official organ of the New Hampshire Federation of Women's Clubs, has been purchased by the Massachusetts Federation Bulletin and consolidated with it.

The Northern, a new publication, edited by Mrs. Mary I. Wood, Portsmouth, N. H., is now the official organ of the State Federations of Maine and New Hampshire.

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THE following list of South Carolina Confederate dead buried in Kentucky has been sent to The Keystone by Mrs. Sophie Fox Sea, and the courtesy is greatly appreciated by the South Carolina Division, U. D. C.:

I pray that some in ignorance of the last resting places of their beloved dead will find in this list that I have gathered with infinite reverence and pity, the names sought for, but never found, and know that the places where the dust of their loved ones is awaiting the trump of the archangel of the resurrection are indeed God's acres, cared for, beautified, even glorified, by the loving thought of comrades and friends.

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Historian Kentucky State Division, U. D. C.

CHARLESTON, S. C., 15th Dec., 1904. The question: "Who fired the first gun in the defense of Charleston Harbor?" cannot be answered except with explanations, as fol-

1. On the morning of the 9th of January, 1861, the U. S. transport steamer, Star of the West, approaching Fort Sumter with provisions and reinforcements, was fired upon, by order of Gov. Pickers. of South Carolina; the first gun fired was from Morris Island, by Cadet G. E. Haynesworth, of the S. C. Military Academy. It was a

24-pounder.

2. At 4:30 A. M., 12th April, 1861, by order of B. Genl. P. G. T. Beauregard, fire was opened upon Fort Sumter from (Mil. Operations, Vol. I., p. 42), the mortar battery of 10" mortars at Fort Johnson. commanded by Capt. George S. James. It has been claimed by the late W. Hampton Gibbes, a lieutenant, under Capt. James. that he, Gibbes, fired the first mortar, and I am inclined to believe

3. Soon after fire was opened as above, Mr. Edward Ruffin, from Virginia, a volunteer, on Cummings' Point, Morris Island, asked and obtained permission from Captain Cuthbert, to fre the first gun from Morris Island on Fort Sumter. It was an 8" Columbiad, in what was called the Stevens' Iron-Clad Battery.

Certified from what I believe to be the best authorities.

JNO. JOHNSON.

Formerly Major of Engineers, P. A., C. S.
Copied from the original in the Confederate Museum, Richmond, irginia, by

MARY B. POPPENHEIM, Virginia, by Historian Charleston Chapter, U. D. C.

RECIPROCITY BUREAU.

(The Reciprocity Bureau acknowledges the receipt of the following Year Books and Programmes, any of which will be sent to clubs on application, when accompanied by postage for mailing the same.)

Year Book. Florida State Federation, 1905-1906.

The Cateechee Club, Greenwood, S. C., Our Republic. 1904-'05.

Civic Improvement Edition of Anderson Daily Mail. The Civic League, Anderson, S. C.

Reciprocity, a paper by Miss Mary B. Poppenheim, Charleston, S. C.

ACHING HEARTS.

MARTHA SHEPARD LIPPINCOTT.

OH! WHEN will man e'er understand,
And feel another's woes,
And learn to give sweet sympathy,
Where bitter anguish flows;
And not unjustly to condemn
And fill the heart with care,
Until the soul misunderstood
Deems life so unfair.

How many hearts will ache each day,
For lack of sympathy,
Until the over-burdened soul,
From life longs to be free.
Would we, more kindly words e'er speak
And criticise much less,
How many souls we would uplift,
And other's lives oft bless.

The Queen of Sbeba.

BY A. L. S., CHARLESTON, S. C. (Begun in December Keystone.)
CHAPTER II—CONTINUED.

The three watchers held their breath as Carton dragged himself slowly along the narrowing ledge. It did not seem possible that it was wide enough to hold him. The greater part of his body appeared to be hanging over the verge. Where the shoulder of the cliff jutted out it looked as though he must lose his hold. Elkins, looking at the Queen of Sheba, saw her go white, saw her hands clench themselves convulsively, though she made no sound.

"Hold on, Carton; I will try and come to you," called Elkins.

"Nonsense. No one can help me. I'm all right!" Carton answered, bravely.

In tense silence they watched him take hold of the sapling. Slowly he managed, with its unsteady support, to shift his position, before the ledge broke off sharply. Had either grip or nerve failed him while his body was half suspended over space he must have dropped hundreds of feet below.

"He is all right now!" said Elkins, quietly. He was watching the girl's face intently. For several minutes she did not speak. Her eyes were fastened where Carton crouched upon the widened ledge, breathing heavily and recovering his strength before continuing his way. She was unconscious of Elkins' gaze. Elkins' face had grown white and drawn in the last minute, and his breath came hard. "She loves him," he was saying, dully, over and over, to himself. Turning suddenly, she met the burning eyes, and the color came back in a flood to her face.

"It was awful!" she said, huskily.

"Just a little uncomfortable. | Men are foolish to take such risks, but it is all right now," he answered, bravely.

"What made you do that, Carton?" he demanded, savagely, as the other came up.

"Oh, I don't know. Can't tell to save my life. I just wanted to be doing something, and see what was beyond."

"Well, you came pretty near seeing more than mortal sights."

"I am sorry to have alarmed you," said Carton, turning

penitently to the Queen of Sheba.

"Oh, dear, I wasn't really alarmed, but only provoked, that you should be so foolish," she answered, quietly, and Elkins, watching her keenly, wondered more than ever at the ways of women.

"I remembered what you said to-day, and that gave me courage to make the turn," Carton answered, significantly.

"It is well," she replied, and her color deepened, and Elkins, with a man's obtuseness, fell to wondering how much had passed between them.

"I say," said Tommy Atkins, breaking in; we are all growing too serious. Let's have a little music to cheer us.

Putting his hands to his mouth, he gave a long yodelling call along the face of the cliff in the direction of the caves. Back came the echo, promptly and accurately. Over and over it came, gradually softened, shaded, varied, beautified. Elfin voices took it up, twisted, shouted and screamed it. Then, from farthest distance in wondrous melody of angel charms, came the music of the spheres. Lips apart, eyes eager, head uplifted, mind entranced, the Queen of Sheba listened. Over and over again Tommy Atkins gave the call, in his full, round voice; over and over echoed the tumult in the rock-bound fastnesses; over and over there floated and failed, there waked and fainted melodies so exquisite that they seemed to belong to a world beyond man's ken.

"Wonderful, wonderful!" murmured the girl. "More beautiful than even the music of dreams. What causes it?"

"Some curious construction in the caves and cracks of the rocks," answered Carton. "No one has ever been able to get nearer than this; very few have ever dared this climb, and I think that you are the first woman. It was discovered accidentally by a queer sort of a fellow, a misanthropic recluse, who wanders about these mountains."

"I am greatly obliged to him. It is a thousand times worth the climb and the briars. I have never heard anything so beautiful. Instead of coming from earth, I think it must come from a clift in heaven!" cried the girl, warmly.

"Well," said Tommy Atkins, practically, "it is all very fine to sit here and play with things we can't see; but if we aren't to get lost in the Still Valley, I would advise getting a start."

"Only once more," she pleaded.

"A dozen times more, if it pleases Your Highness; but remember, the Still Valley is full of moonshiners and catamounts."

"Nonsense; I'm not to be frightened with bogies!"

"Well, here goes; but I won't be responsible for the catamounts," answered Tommy Atkins, obediently.

The last exquisite notes quivered and fainted and died; the solemn stillness of the hills enfolded them again. The Queen of Sheba, with a light in her eyes as of one who has dreamed dreams, put out her hand as one still in a dream to Elkins. "Let us go; it is all so wonderful I am afraid."

CHAPTER III.

"Out of the day and night
A joy has taken flight."—Shelley.

For a couple of hours they had been scrambling down the mountain. With a skill peculiarly his own, Elkins had succeeded in isolating the Queen of Sheba, who now sat on a rock and drank eagerly of the water which he handed her as he knelt by a stream so tiny that it seemed to lose itself in the ferns.

Far away somewhere, in a voice too great and too full for words, thundered a waterfall. From a gorge near by came the drumming of a pheasant, as he gathered his clan for the night. Carton and Tommy Atkins, as usual, disputed hotly about the trail, which seemed suddenly to have disappeared, as mountain trails have a way of doing, just as most needed.

"We must be going," said the Queen of Sheba, dreamily. The spell of the mysterious forest gloaming was taking fast hold upon her, and the world seemed unreal and weird and

overpowering.

"No use to be in a hurry. Rest a bit, while those two quarrel about the trail. When they have settled it they will call," said Elkins, persuasively. Two hours ago he had been quite sure that the Queen of Sheba cared for Carton; but two hours make a tremendous difference in a man's views sometimes; furthermore, he also had fallen under the spell of the forest, and something within him grew stronger and bolder and more unquenchable with every moment that passed.

"Queen of Sheba," he said softly, coming over to her. "Is it time to go?" she asked, with a start.

"No; it is time to stay," he answered, warmly. "May the time to go never come!"

"Where is my hat?" She moved restlessly; his eyes had too much power over her; she shivered a little.

"Never mind the hat just now. I want to tell you some-

thing."

"Dear me," she said, lightly, as she recovered herself. "You are the third man who has wanted to tell me something to-day. Couldn't you put it off? Three is an unlucky number. Or couldn't you tell it to someone else, especially if it is something very particular? I am very frivolous, and not at all trustworthy.'

"No; I can't and won't. You are the only one," he an-

swered, with determination.

"Then you must wait until we get home. It is growing

late," she said, decidedly, as she rose hastily.

"No, I won't wait. I can't stand it any longer. Sit down for just five minutes. Five minutes are not much to give to a man who loves you."

"Don't," she cried, and held out her hand. "You are making a mistake. Don't say anything more—it will only make it worse," she urged, eagerly.

For a moment he stood, with a very white face, confronting

her. "Are you quite sure there is no chance?" he asked at last.

The Queen of Sheba sank back upon the rock. For full five minutes she tore up the flowers she had been at such pains to gather on the mountain. Something in her surroundings frightened her, oppressed her. She seemed to be slipping away from herself; she was afraid of his voice, afraid of his eyes, afraid of herself. The word she would speak would not come, and she seemed helpless and trivial before this strong man's passion.

"Hello! hello, Elkins! What are you doing? Why don't you come on? It is almost dark," called Carton. Closer and

closer came the voice.

"Is there a chance—just one little chance?" asked Elkins,

desperately.

The Queen of Sheba rose unsteadily to her feet. The sound of another human voice had broken the power that fettered

"I am sorry, very sorry; but there is no chance." spoke gently.

He bowed his head.

"Here we are. I thought you were never coming back," she cried to Carton, who continued to call.

"Wait just one minute," pleaded Elkins, springing after her and catching her hand.

"There is no use. Please don't," she begged. With an

effort she drew her hand away, and sprang forward quickly

through the bushes towards Carton.

A limb bent forcibly forward by her impetuous flight sprang back strongly and struck Elkins full in the eye. He fell back with an involuntary cry of pain. The Queen of Sheba turned quickly.

"Did that limb strike you? Did it hurt you?" she asked,

anxiously.

"No, it only grazed me," he answered, indifferently, while

he ground his teeth in pain.
"I am so sorry," she said, as she hesitated for a moment to lay her hand lightly on his arm. "We'll still be good friends?"

"Yes," he answered, averting his face, for the pain of his eye was growing intolerable. "Don't trouble about it. It is all right."

Still she hesitated, while he prayed that she might go.

"I am coming as fast as I can," she answered to Carton's continued cries. - "I haven't wings, and the bushes are thick."

With another look of perplexed trouble, she passed on through the bushes and left him alone with his pain in the dusk of the gloomy forest.

(To be continued.)

The Author of Semiramis.

Olive Tilford Dargan is of a Virginia family, but was born in the hill country of Kentucky, and lived there till she was ten years old. She then went with her parents to Missouri, where she began to teach at the age of fourteen. Later she obtained a scholarship at the Peabody Normal College, at Nashville, Tenn., and graduated there. Then she taught school for a few years in San Antonio, Tex. She went to Radcliffe College for a year of post-graduate study, making a specialty of English. She married Mr. Pegram Dargan, of Darlington, S. C., and for the last five years they have lived in New York City, both of them doing literary work. Mrs. Dargan is a charming little lady, but so quiet, modest and shy it is hard to get much out of her about herself.

ALICE STONE BLACKWELL.

Boston, Mass.

The chairman of the Reciprocity Department requests that all clubs that have celebrated Reciprocity Day in any way in 1904-'05 will kindly notify her of this fact by April 20th, so that she may incorporate the fact in her report at the Union Convention May 16th.

MARY B. POPPENHEIM, Chairman.

Charleston, S. C.

CONCERNING GENEALOGIES, by Frank Allaben, director of the Genealogical and Biographical Department of the Grafton Press, contains suggestions for all interested in family history. The author is in love with his subject, and gives practical methods for the study of genealogies. He not only tells how to go about genealogiwork, but tells of labor-saving note books, and explains the ways in which the Grafton department is placed at the service of the reader. This subject is so very popular to-day that the mere title of this book will at once attract attention. The present volume is a neat, attractive book of 71 pages, simply bound in brown and gold.

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Who's Who for 1905 contains nearly 2,000 pages of biographies of celebrated living men and women in all parts of the world and in all professions of life. This is the 57th issue of this annual publication. It is a very valuable book for reference and library use, representing as it does an enormous amount of research. It is sim-

ply bound in red cloth, with gilt lettering.
(Cloth. The Macmillan Company, New York City.)

Higher Education in the South.

he month of March, Dr. James M. Taylor, the DURIL Presiden Vassar College, made a two-weeks tour through the South, speaking in many places on the value of the educated woman to a community and to herself. He spent two days in Charleston, S. C., visiting the schools, and, under the auspices of the Inter-Collegiate Club of South Carolina, gave a public address in that city on March 22d. He also visited the College for Women and the South Carolina College, in Columbia, S. C.; Converse College, Spartanburg, S. C.; Atlanta, Ga., and her adjacent schools; Memphis, Tenn., and Louisville, Ky. The visit of the President of Vassar College to the South was an inspiration to that section in behalf of the higher education of women. This work is going on steadily in the Southern schools and colleges, but they need greater incentives each year to demand the best for their graduates.

A Loan Scholarship for Vassar College.

The Southeastern branch of the Association of Vassar Alumnæ offers a loan scholarship of \$100 a year towards tuition at Vassar College. This scholarship is available September 1, 1905, and applicants must be residents of either North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, or Tennessee. For circulars, application blanks, and other particulars, apply at once to Miss Barbara Adair, Secretary Southeastern Branch Vassar Alumnæ, Atlanta, Georgia.

The Snake Dance of the Hopi (Moqui) Indians.

After the experiences of many of *The Keystone's* readers in St. Louis, visiting the Cliff Dwellers and seeing the snake dance there, it is interesting to read the following experience, which tells so graphically of the *real* dance:

SANTE FE, N. M., Sept. 6, 1904. ·

Dear M.,— * * * At Colorado Springs I got on the trail of the Snake Dance of the Hopi (Moqui) Indians; so we left Colorado unfinished and flew down here to Arizona to see the sight. We had a terrible time getting there from Winslow, as our party (17 men, women and children) were turned loose on the desert for six days, with no water, not enough and bad food, no cook, no shelter from the rain (and they have had daily washouts this summer), not enough drivers or horses, and what we had were poor, not to mention many other vicissitudes.

The dance was most interesting. At sunrise came the Snake Race, when the braves ran up from the cornfields, 31 miles away, in seventeen minutes. It was most picturesque to see the people—mostly Indians, in their blankets, for it was cold-winding their way up the Meza in the early dawn and taking all the points of vantage, so that they were silhouetted against the sky. As the Snakes (it seems to be the family name) arrived on the Meza, each one had an ear of corn, which he held high in the air, and which the women and children all tried to get away from him, till at last he was pulled down. The dance started about four o'clock, after they had been chanting away almost all day down by the "Riva," a pit entered by a ladder. At the appointed time the Antelopes (another family), all painted in streaks and splotches of white, pink and brown, came out of their "Riva" and took up their position in line in the plaza in front of the kisi, a sort of bower built of branches, in which the snakes

were kept; and then the Snakes, painted black, came out of their "Riva" and lined up in front of the Antelopes, after having circled around in front of the "kisi," and each one stamped on a board over a hole to call the attention of their forefathers to the fact they were beginning their prayer for rain. After they had danced opposite each other for a while, chanting a monotonous, rhythmic spell, they divided into groups of three, one taking up a snake in his mouth and dancing around with it, the one just behind him tickling the snake with an eagle's feather to keep its attention, and, when the snake had been danced around and was put on the ground, the third tickling it again to make it run, sprinkling it with cornflour and then diving at it, finishing with an upward swoop of the hand in case he missed, but practically always bringing up the snake gripped just under its head. All the snakes (and there must have been forty, at least half rattlers) were danced once and then all were finally thrown in a heap on some flour. Then the Snakes made a dash at the mass; each one came up with a wriggling handful, all helter-skelter, and off they ran in the four directions down the Meza to start the snakes on their way to bear the prayer for rain. Then they washed off their paint, took off their queer costumes and wrapped themselves in blankets, and came back to the Riva for the purification ceremony. An old hag had brewed some disgusting potion in some pottery jars and one by one the Snakes drank it, and then either poked their fingers down their throats or stood and waited for developments. They all had them. A more sickening line of cascades I don't care to

Next morning there was a Buffalo Dance, quite a boisterous affair compared with the seriousness of the Snake Dance, and only danced by two girls and two boys. The boys had on caps with horns, tortoise shells, with parts of hoofs hung from them as clappers, attached to their knees and backs, and a thoroughly undescribable rig, as did also the girls. The boys' faces were painted black, and they danced mostly behind the girls, all of them keeping up a curious sort of drone, while about twenty boys with a drum kept up a howling chorus. Sometimes the boys would make sort of side-rushes, and once one of them made at me, and I was so surprised I barely had time to push him off my clean dress. He left part of his lamp black in my hand as a token of his regard.

We had a frightful time returning; sat in front of a washout for twenty-four hours, and watched it rise instead of fall, then turned around and retraced our steps; tried another route, and finally pulled up in front of the Little Colorado, where we found three other parties waiting for the flood to abate. By much labor and persistence and assistance, we got ourselves across the river; but we left part of the party on the other side, for reasons only known to them. Five days later another pilgrim from Oraibi found them still sitting there watching the river rise (it was 6 or 7 feet higher than when we went over), and they were expecting to sit there another week. But he made a boat and ferried them all across. Gumps isn't a sufficiently strong name for them.

Since then we have been to the Grand Canon, the petrified forest, and Acoma, another pueblo, passing by the Enchanted Meza, and now we are going to see what we can of cattle ranches, do the "Circle Trip" in Southwestern Colorado, and then home by Kansas City and St. Louis.

I hope I haven't bored you. It has been so interesting to us I wish you might see some of it.

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MERIDIAN, MISS., March 10.—(Special.)—Mrs. Margaret H. Hayes, daughter of Jefferson Davis, has written a letter here urging Confederate veterans of Mississippi to use every endeavor to have Mississippi recognized on the Davis monument to be erected at Richmond. She says Mr. Davis always regarded himself a Mississippian, taught his children as such. and that it would be a great disappointment to the family if the best beloved State of their father is ignored on the monument. She says but for Mississippi he never would have been given to the Confederacy, and that his last prayer was that he might live to be taken back to die in the arms of his adopted mother State. Mrs. Hayes asks that Major-General Lowery and other leading Confederate veterans make efforts to have the inscription changed, and says it would have been better had the widow of the dead chieftain written the inscription, as she knew best what her husband would have wanted on the monument.

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